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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN VIEW OF AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT

1. DESPITE FACT MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH HAD TO HITCH-HIKE RIDE HOME IN AIRCRAFT OF ANOTHER CHIEF OF STATE (HIS PERSONAL CARAVELLE IS APPARENTLY GROUNDED IN CAIRO), HE RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT EARLY EVENING MARCH 10 RADIATING SUCCESS AND SELF-SATISFACTION. AFTER REVIEWING HONOR GUARD AND WHILE GREETING ASSEMBLED CABINET, NOTABLES AND DIPLOMATS, PRESIDENT GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING HEALTHIER, HAPPIER, MORE ANIMATED BUT MORE RELAXED THAN HE HAS BEEN FOR OVER TWO MONTHS. OULD DADDAH TOLD WAITING JOURNALISTS "THE (CAIRO) SUMMIT HAS BEEN A SUCCESS WHICH HAS PERMITTED THE TWO COMPLIMENTARY WORLDS--ARAB AND AFRICAN--FIRST OF ALL, TO DEMONSTRATE IN A VEY OBVIOUS WAY THEIR SOLIDARITY AND TO ORGANIZE THEIR COOPER-

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ATION. AS YOU KNOW, FOR US MAURITANIANS, IT IS A VERY GREAT EVENT, THIS CONFERENCE, THIS HISTORIC CAIRO SUMMIT, AN EVENT FOR WHICH WE HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD, TO THE EXTENT OF OUR MODEST AND DISCREET MEANS, BUT FOR WHICH WE HAVE TOILED, AND FOR WHICH I MIGHT SAY, WE HAVE DREAMED... I BELIEVE THAT IN THE OPINION OF ALL, EVEN OF THE MAJORITY OF YOUR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS, THE SUMMIT

WAS A SUCCESS".

2. RETURNING SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY RADIATING
SAME ENTHUSIASTIC SATISFACTION AND OBVIOUS HAPPINESS,
TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SUMMIT HAD BEEN COMPLETE SUCCESS
FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW.

3. ARABIC AND FRENCH VERSIONS OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED
DAILY ASH-SHA'AB BANNER-HEADLINE PRESIDENT'S "SUCCESS" JUDG-
MENT MARCH 11 AS CAPSTONE OF EXTENSIVE DAILY COVERAGE
OF CAIRO SUMMIT AND OF PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S SUCCESSION
OF PRIVATE ENCOUNTERS WITH OTHER ARAB AND AFRICAN CHIEFS
OF STATE AND DELEGATION HEADS.

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